

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** HB0614

**Title:** County courthouse restoration act

**Primary Sponsor:** Harris, C

**Status:** As Introduced

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David Ewer, Budget Director

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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY 2006 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	\$39,200	\$39,200
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund		
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	(\$39,200)	(\$39,200)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

#### **Montana Historical Society (MHS)**

1. The historic preservation officer shall implement a county courthouse restoration and rehabilitation program. At the request of a board of county commissioners, the historic preservation officer shall (1) evaluate the current condition of the county courthouse and determine whether restoration or rehabilitation is necessary or warranted; (2) estimate costs that may be associated with the restoration or rehabilitation activities; (3) provide assistance to the counties as requested; and (4) provide assistance to the counties in obtaining government and private sector grants and loans to assist counties in paying for courthouse restoration or rehabilitation projects.
2. In order to perform #1 above the historic preservation officer will contract with a historic architect. It is estimated that the only 8 building condition assessments can be completed each FY, 16 for the 2007 biennium.
3. The society projects that approximately 48 counties could request assistance as follows:

# of MT county seats/courthouses	56
# of historic (> 50 yrs old) county courthouses	48
# of historic courthouses for which a record currently exists	18
# of historic courthouses listed in the National Register	13
# of counties that will request assistance under Act	unknown (est. 48)

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4. A building condition assessment report and cost estimate would be prepared for each courthouse. In that report the building would be generally described, the major visible problems would be identified and illustrated, needs would be prioritized and potential solutions suggested and generalized cost estimates derived. The cost for the report and cost estimates will be a range from \$3,300 to \$6,500 per building. An average of \$4,900 per building will be utilized for this fiscal note, (\$4,900 \* 16 courthouses) for a total of \$78,400 per biennium. The total cost for all buildings is estimated at (48 courthouses \* \$4,900 average cost for 3 biennia), \$235,200.
5. Fiscal analysis does not include preparation of National Park Service (NPS) level, historic structure reports.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$39,200	\$39,200
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$39,200	\$39,200
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$39,200)	(\$39,200)

### LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

An estimated additional \$78,400 - \$81,000 of general fund in the 2009 and 2011 biennium will be needed to complete this program, 16 building condition assessments each biennium for a total of 32.